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FOLLOWING UP SUGGESTION MYTEL 619 DEPT, REGARDING HIGH LEVEL DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS VARIOUS QUARTERS TO IMPRESS SOVS SERIOUSNESS OUR STAND ON BERLIN, MIGHT IT NOT BE WORTHWHILE TO CIRCULATE CONCISE TALKING PAPER ON BERLIN PROBLEM TO SELECTED CHIEFS OF MISSION WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO USE IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS OR FORMAL DEMARCHEES TO GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH ACCREDITED TO REINFORCE IMPRESSION THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS, AND THAT THERE MAY BE HEAD-ON CLASH IF KHRUSHCHEV PERSISTS. CIRCULARS 2008 AND 2059 ON BERLIN THEMES (NOT ORIGINALLY REPEATED HERE) SHOULD BE USEFUL AND MIGHT BE ADAPTED FOR THIS SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

IN CONNECTION WITH DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS AND OTHER VISIBLE SIGNS OUR MILITARY READINESS, I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE NO CURRENT PLANS TO STRENGTHEN BERLIN GARRISONS OTHER THAN BY PROVIDING SOME MORE MODERN EQUIPMENT IN DUE COURSE. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT EARLY LAST FALL BOTH MAYOR BRANDT AND THE CHANCELLOR INFORMALLY RAISED POSSIBILITY ALLIES PLANNING INCREASE THEIR GARRISONS IN BERLIN AS DEMONSTRATIVE MOVE TO SYMBOLIZE DETERMINATION TO REMAIN HERE AS WELL AS TO BOLSTER CIVILIAN MORALE AND TO WARN SOV/GDR. THE ONLY POSITIVE DECISION COMING OUT OF CONSIDERATION THIS SUGGESTION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL TO CONDUCT ROUTINE ROTATION OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT TO BERLIN IN SOMEWHAT MORE SHOWY MANNER, INCLUDING PLAYING UP PUBLICITY RATHER THAN VICE VERSA. PARTIALLY AS RESULT THIS POLICY MILITARY EXERCISES DURING PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN MORE FREQUENT AND MORE CONSPICUOUS.

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IN PLANNING FURTHER MILITARY MEASURES TO DEMONSTRATE ALLIED-U.S. READINESS SUGGEST THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES: (1) ESTABLISH ALLIED MILITARY ASSEMBLY OR STAGING AREA NEAR HELMSTEDT; (2) HOLD APPROPRIATE EXERCISES INVOLVING AIRLIFTING TROOPS TO STAGING AREA; (3) INCREASE NUMBER OF TROOPS IN BERLIN GARRISONS; (4) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT US STANDING PLANS FOR AIR-LIFTING TROOPS FROM WEST GERMANY TO REINFORCE BERLIN GARRISON IN CERTAIN EMERGENCIES, HOLD EXERCISE PUTTING REINFORCEMENT PLANS INTO EFFECT; (5) IF NEITHER 3) NOR 4) FEASIBLE, INSTRUCT APPROPRIATE HEADQUARTERS TO PREPARE DETAILED STUDY RE INCREASE IN SIZE OF BERLIN GARRISONS, SOLE PURPOSE OF WHICH (KNOWN TO AS FEW PERSONS AS POSSIBLE) WOULD BE PSYCHOLOGICAL PLOY OF LETTING WORD GET OUT THAT SUCH MOVE BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

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